

Affine transformations

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Reading

Required:

- ◆ Angel 4.1, 4.6-4.10

Further reading:

- ◆ Angel, the rest of Chapter 4
- ◆ Foley, et al, Chapter 5.1-5.5.
- ◆ David F. Rogers and J. Alan Adams, *Mathematical Elements for Computer Graphics*, 2nd Ed., McGraw-Hill, New York, 1990, Chapter 2.

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Geometric transformations

Geometric transformations will map points in one space to points in another: $(x', y', z') = f(x, y, z)$.

These transformations can be very simple, such as scaling each coordinate, or complex, such as non-linear twists and bends.

We'll focus on transformations that can be represented easily with matrix operations.

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Vector representation

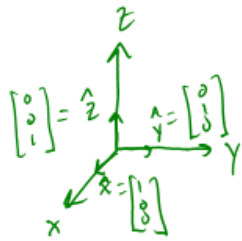
We can represent a **point** $p = (x, y)$, in the plane or $p = (x, y, z)$ in 3D space

✓ ◆ as column vectors $\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$ $\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix}$

◆ as row vectors $\begin{bmatrix} x & y \end{bmatrix}$
 $\begin{bmatrix} x & y & z \end{bmatrix}$

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Canonical axes



Right-handed coord. systems



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Vector length and dot products

$$u = \begin{bmatrix} u_x \\ u_y \\ u_z \end{bmatrix}$$

$$v = \begin{bmatrix} v_x \\ v_y \\ v_z \end{bmatrix}$$



$$\|u\| = \sqrt{u_x^2 + u_y^2 + u_z^2}$$

$$\hat{u} = \frac{u}{\|u\|} \quad \text{unit vector direction vector}$$

$$u \cdot v = u_x v_x + u_y v_y + u_z v_z$$

$$u \cdot v = u^T v$$

$$u \cdot v = v \cdot u \quad \text{True}$$

$$= [u_x \ u_y \ u_z] \begin{bmatrix} v_x \\ v_y \\ v_z \end{bmatrix} = v^T u$$

$$u \cdot u = \|u\|^2$$

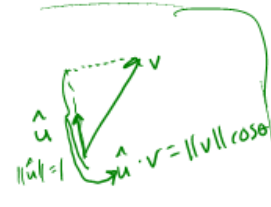
$$u \cdot v = \|u\| \|v\| \cos \theta$$

$$u \cdot v = 0 \Rightarrow \|u\| = 0 \text{ and/or } \|v\| = 0$$

$$\text{and/or } \theta = 90^\circ \text{ or } 270^\circ$$

⊥ Orthogonal

$$\|u\| = \|v\| = 1 \Rightarrow u \cdot v = \cos \theta$$



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Vector cross products



$$u \times v \equiv \begin{vmatrix} \hat{x} & \hat{y} & \hat{z} \\ u_x & u_y & u_z \\ v_x & v_y & v_z \end{vmatrix} = \hat{x} (u_y v_z - u_z v_y) - \hat{y} (u_x v_z - u_z v_x) + \hat{z} (u_x v_y - u_y v_x)$$

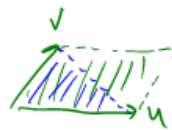
$$u \times v \stackrel{?}{=} v \times u \quad \text{False}$$

$$u \times v = -v \times u$$

$$(u \times v) \cdot u = 0$$

$$\|u \times v\| = \|u\| \|v\| \sin \theta$$

$$u \times u = 0$$



$$\|u \times v\| = \text{Area} \square = 2 \text{ Area} \triangle$$

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$$A^{-1} A = I$$

Representation, cont.

$$(AB)^T = B^T A^T$$

We can represent a 2-D transformation M by a matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(AB)^{-1} (AB) = I$$

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If p is a column vector, M goes on the left:

$$p' = Mp$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} ax + by \\ cx + dy \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(AB)^{-1} AB B^{-1} = I B^{-1}$$

$$(AB)^{-1} A A^{-1} = B^{-1} A^{-1}$$

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If p is a row vector, M^T goes on the right:

$$p' = pM^T$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x' & y' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x & y \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a & c \\ b & d \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} ax + by & cx + dy \end{bmatrix}$$

We will use **column vectors**.

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Two-dimensional transformations

Here's all you get with a 2×2 transformation matrix M :

$$\begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$$

So:

$$\begin{aligned} x' &= ax + by \\ y' &= cx + dy \end{aligned}$$

We will develop some intimacy with the elements $a, b, c, d...$

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Identity

Suppose we choose $a=d=1, b=c=0$:

- Gives the **identity** matrix:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Doesn't move the points at all

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Scaling

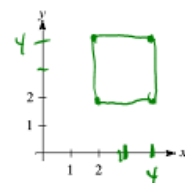
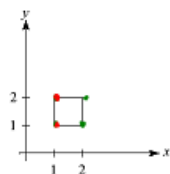
Suppose we set $b=c=0$, but let a and d take on any positive value:

- Gives a **scaling** matrix:

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & d \end{bmatrix}$$

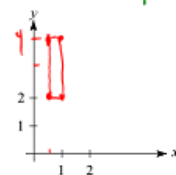
- Provides **differential (non-uniform) scaling** in x and y :

$$\begin{aligned} x' &= ax \\ y' &= dy \end{aligned}$$



uniform scaling
 $a=d$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2x \\ 2y \end{bmatrix}$$



$$\begin{bmatrix} 1/2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x/2 \\ 2y \end{bmatrix}$$

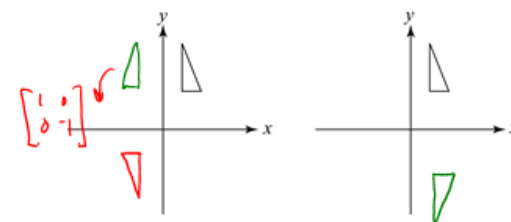
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Mirror or reflection

Suppose we keep $b=c=0$, but let either a or d go negative.

Examples:

$$\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -x \\ y \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \leftarrow$$



$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$$

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Shear

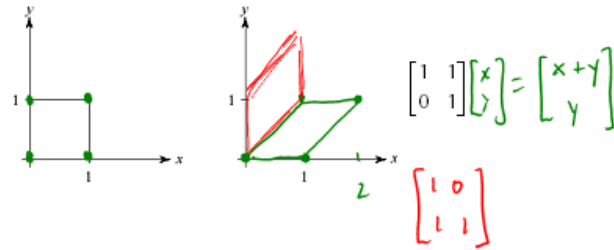
Now let's leave $a=d=1$ and experiment with b ...

The matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & b \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

gives:

$$\begin{aligned} x' &= x + by \\ y' &= y \end{aligned}$$



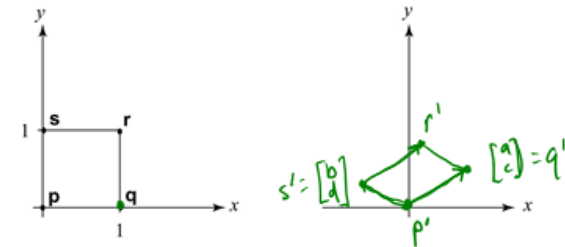
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Effect on unit square

Let's see how a general 2×2 transformation M affects the unit square:

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} p & q & r & s \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} p' & q' & r' & s' \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & a & a+b & b \\ 0 & c & c+d & d \end{bmatrix}$$



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Effect on unit square, cont.

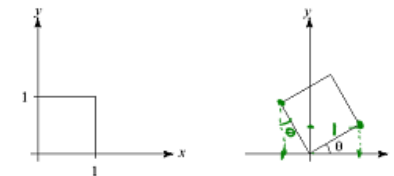
Observe:

- Origin invariant under M
- M can be determined just by knowing how the corners $(1,0)$ and $(0,1)$ are mapped
- a and d give x - and y -scaling
- b and c give x - and y -shearing

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Rotation

From our observations of the effect on the unit square, it should be easy to write down a matrix for "rotation about the origin":



$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta \\ \sin \theta \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} -\sin \theta \\ \cos \theta \end{bmatrix}$$

Thus,

$$M = R(\theta) = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix}$$

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Limitations of the 2 x 2 matrix

A 2 x 2 linear transformation matrix allows

- Scaling
- Rotation
- Reflection
- Shearing

Q: What important operation does that leave out?

translation

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Homogeneous coordinates

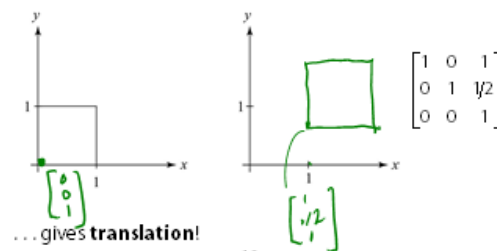
We can lift the problem up into 3-space, adding a third component to every point:

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Adding the third "w" component puts us in **homogenous coordinates**.

Then, transform with a 3 x 3 matrix:

$$\begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \\ w' \end{bmatrix} = T(\mathbf{t}) \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & t_x \\ 0 & 1 & t_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x+t_x \\ y+t_y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



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Affine transformations

The addition of translation to linear transformations gives us **affine transformations**.

In matrix form, 2D affine transformations always look like this:

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} a & b & t_x \\ c & d & t_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A & \mathbf{t} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

2D affine transformations always have a bottom row of [0 0 1].

An "affine point" is a "linear point" with an added w-coordinate which is always 1:

$$\mathbf{p}_{\text{aff}} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{p}_{\text{lin}} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Applying an affine transformation gives another affine point:

$$M \mathbf{p}_{\text{aff}} = \begin{bmatrix} A \mathbf{p}_{\text{lin}} + \mathbf{t} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$M \mathbf{p}_{\text{aff}} = \begin{bmatrix} A & \mathbf{t} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{p}_{\text{lin}} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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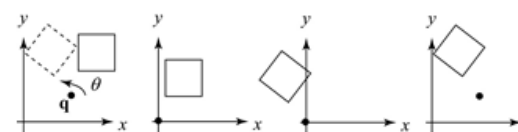
Rotation about arbitrary points

Until now, we have only considered rotation about the origin.

With homogeneous coordinates, you can specify a rotation, θ about any point $\mathbf{q} = [q_x, q_y, 1]^T$ with a matrix:

$$T(\mathbf{v}) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & v_x \\ 0 & 1 & v_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R(\alpha) = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \alpha & -\sin \alpha & 0 \\ \sin \alpha & \cos \alpha & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



$$M_{\mathbf{p}} \neq T(-\mathbf{q}) \cdot R(\theta) \cdot T(\mathbf{q}) \mathbf{p}$$

1. Translate \mathbf{q} to origin
2. Rotate
3. Translate back

$$M = T(\mathbf{q}) R(\theta) T(-\mathbf{q})$$

Note: Transformation order is important!!

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Points and vectors

Vectors have an additional coordinate of $w=0$. Thus, a change of origin has no effect on vectors.

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \begin{array}{c} \text{Q} \\ \nearrow \\ \text{P} \\ \nwarrow \\ \text{Q-P} = \end{array} \\
 & = \begin{bmatrix} Q_x \\ Q_y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} P_x \\ P_y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \\
 & = \begin{bmatrix} Q_x - P_x \\ Q_y - P_y \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}
 \end{aligned}$$

Q: What happens if we multiply a vector by an affine matrix?

$$\begin{bmatrix} A & t \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_{1,n} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} Av_{1,n} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ vector}$$

These representations reflect some of the rules of affine operations on points and vectors:

- vector + vector \rightarrow vector
- scalar \cdot vector \rightarrow vector
- point - point \rightarrow vector
- point + vector \rightarrow point
- point + point \rightarrow Chaos

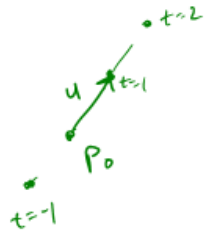
$$\begin{aligned}
 \alpha \cdot \text{point} + \beta \cdot \text{point} &\rightarrow \text{point} \\
 \text{if } \alpha + \beta &= 1 \\
 &\rightarrow \text{vector} \\
 \text{if } \alpha + \beta &= 0
 \end{aligned}$$

One useful combination of affine operations is:

$$p(t) = p_0 + tu$$

Q: What does this describe?

$$\begin{aligned}
 t \in [-\infty, \infty] &\Rightarrow \text{line} \\
 t \in [0, \infty] &\Rightarrow \text{ray (half line)}
 \end{aligned}$$



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Basic 3-D transformations: scaling

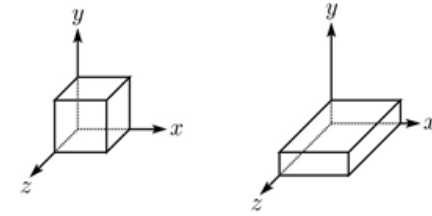
Some of the 3-D affine transformations are just like the 2-D ones.

In this case, the bottom row is always $[0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 1]$.

For example, scaling:

$$S(s_x, s_y, s_z) \quad S^{-1}(t) = S\left(\frac{1}{s_x}, \frac{1}{s_y}, \frac{1}{s_z}\right)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \\ z' \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} s_x & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & s_y & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & s_z & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

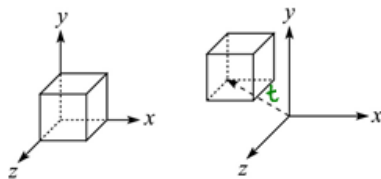


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Translation in 3D

$$\begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \\ z' \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & t_x \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & t_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & t_z \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$T^{-1}(\vec{t}) = T(-\vec{t})$$



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Rotation in 3D

Rotation now has more possibilities in 3D:

$$\begin{aligned}
 R_x(\alpha) &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos \alpha & -\sin \alpha & 0 \\ 0 & \sin \alpha & \cos \alpha & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\
 R_y(\beta) &= \begin{bmatrix} \cos \beta & 0 & \sin \beta & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -\sin \beta & 0 & \cos \beta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\
 R_z(\gamma) &= \begin{bmatrix} \cos \gamma & -\sin \gamma & 0 & 0 \\ \sin \gamma & \cos \gamma & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}
 \end{aligned}$$

$R = \begin{bmatrix} u & v & w \end{bmatrix}$
 $R^T = \begin{bmatrix} u^T \\ v^T \\ w^T \end{bmatrix}$
 $R^T R = \begin{bmatrix} u^T u & u^T v & u^T w \\ v^T u & v^T v & v^T w \\ w^T u & w^T v & w^T w \end{bmatrix}$
 $R^T R = I = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$
 $R^T = R^{-1}$

Use right hand rule

A general rotation can be specified in terms of a product of these three matrices. How else might you specify a rotation?

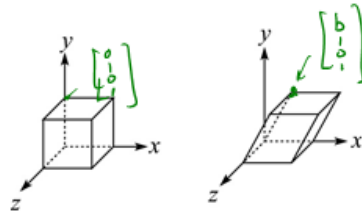
quaternions (q_x, q_y, q_z, q_w) ... rotation about an arbitrary axis \hat{v}, θ

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Shearing in 3D

Shearing is also more complicated. Here is one example:

$$\begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \\ z' \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & b & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



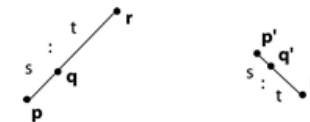
We call this a shear with respect to the x-z plane.

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Properties of affine transformations

Here are some useful properties of affine transformation:

- ◆ Lines map to lines
- ◆ Parallel lines remain parallel
- ◆ Midpoints map to midpoints (in fact, ratios are always preserved)



$$\text{ratio} = \frac{\|pq\|}{\|qr\|} = \frac{s}{t} = \frac{\|p'q'\|}{\|q'r'\|}$$

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Affine transformations in OpenGL

OpenGL maintains a "modelview" matrix that holds the current transformation **M**.

The modelview matrix is applied to points (usually vertices of polygons) before drawing.

It is modified by commands including:

- ◆ `glLoadIdentity()` **M** ← **I**
– set **M** to identity
- ◆ `glTranslatef(tx, ty, tz)` **M** ← **MT**
– translate by (t_x, t_y, t_z)
- ◆ `glRotatef(θ, x, y, z)` **M** ← **MR**
– rotate by angle θ about axis (x, y, z)
- ◆ `glScalef(sx, sy, sz)` **M** ← **MS**
– scale by (s_x, s_y, s_z)

Note that OpenGL adds transformations by *postmultiplication* of the modelview matrix.

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Summary

What to take away from this lecture:

- ◆ All the names in boldface.
- ◆ How points and transformations are represented.
- ◆ How to compute lengths, dot products, and cross products of vectors, and what their geometrical meanings are.
- ◆ What all the elements of a 2 x 2 transformation matrix do and how these generalize to 3 x 3 transformations.
- ◆ What homogeneous coordinates are and how they work for affine transformations.
- ◆ How to concatenate transformations.
- ◆ The mathematical properties of affine transformations.

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